

Irish Pastoral Centre Newsletter



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IPC Welcomes Irish Hockey Team



This month, the Irish Ice Hockey Men's National team travelled to Boston for the Irish Heritage Series. The team played their games at the Bog Ice Arena in Kingston, MA playing against the Boston Police, the Boston Fire Department, BPD Hockey & Massachusetts State Police, winning three out of four games. We were delighted to welcome the team to the Irish Pastoral Centre for an Irish Breakfast from Adams Village Butchershop & Deli & Greenhills Irish Bakery.

The team was delighted to be welcomed by Executive Director of the NHL Players Association, Marty Walsh, Consul General of Ireland in Boston, Sighle FitzGerald, and Director of the Irish Institute at Boston College, Mary C. Murphy.

Special thanks to Hockey Player Aidan Connolly, from Marshfield, MA for reaching out to make this possible! It was great to hear how the sport is growing back home, and to celebrate the strong ties that ice hockey continues to build between Ireland, the US, and Canada.



Director of the Irish Institute at Boston College, Mary Murphy, IPC Executive Director, Mary Swanton, Ireland Hockey Team Player Aidan Connolly, Consul General of Ireland in Boston, Sighle FitzGerald and Executive Director of the NHL Players Association, Marty Walsh at breakfast morning at the IPC



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Dear Friends

As the days grow shorter and the air turns crisp, our Fall season opens with warm welcomes, new and friendly faces and more programs for all ages. There is also so much on the broader Boston Irish calendar in September and October. Be sure to check out the Irish Cultural Center, the Knights and Ladies of St Finbarr, Cork club, the Irish Social club and all the County organizations for some great choices on social activities.

We would love to see you each week for a catch up either here at the Centre or in Brighton, Weymouth, Dorchester and West Roxbury. Our weekly groups also gather together each month for celebrations with music, fun and a great chat.

We gathered on Sunday September 14th for a meaningful dedication of our all new "Seomra Alanna" - the IPC's children's reading center. (page 4) We also launched our new Bereavement Support program and our monthly Sunday community lunch in partnership with the Greenhill's Bakery followed by our monthly Trad session. What a great way to spend a Sunday! Fish n Chips returns in October along with Polarity therapy and we are looking forward to an exciting story -The Greatest Escape in Irish History: Voices From The Tomb on October 30th.(page 5)

Fall is a great time to check and update documents, sign up for Medicare if needed, check your green card and/or passport expiration. We are here to assist if needed. We work a lot with Age Strong Boston who have some really good tools and services. Don't hesitate to reach out especially if you are concerned about online documents - we can help! Call the office and ask for Niamh who will be delighted to help.

Our Golf tournament is upon us and sold out once again! Many thanks for your support as always. As the Centre grows, our budget grows too and we are able to keep going because of broader support from you, from grants, from fundraisers, the city of Boston, the state of Massachusetts and the Government of Ireland.

We really "Anseo le Cheile" - here together!

On we go, Mind yourselves, Go raibh mile maith agaibh!

Mary

Introducing 3rd Sunday Community Lunch before Trad Session!

On the third Sunday of each month, IPC invites the community to join us before our monthly Trad Session for our community lunch!

Enjoy good food, great conversation, and a chance to connect with others in a relaxed, friendly setting! Come for lunch and stay for tunes!

Bring the kids! Bring your friends! All are welcome - Play area will be open for families! Held in partnership with the Greenhill's Bakery, enjoy a delicious turkey and ham dinner followed by some refreshments. Advanced registration will be required. Please call the office at 617-265-5300 to register your attendance for lunch as numbers are required in advance.

The dates through December are:

Sunday October 19th, 12:30pm - 2:30pm

Sunday November 16th, 12:30pm - 2:30pm

Sunday December 18th, 12:30pm - 2:30pm



IPC Reunion!



Ciara, Peggy, Mary, Maureen and Fr. Dan enjoyed a lovely visit to long longtime IPC volunteer and friend Josephine! Josephine spent many years helping the centre, especially with our weekly calls.

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CPR Staff Training



With special thanks to Jake Bombard, Executive Director of the Joseph Nee South Boston Collaborative, IPC staff were re-certified in CPR and AED recently. This important training, along with our 911 emergency plan enables us to act swiftly and effectively with confidence if needed.

New Bereavement Group Begins in Dorchester and Brighton

Registration is now open for our new "Anam Solas" (Soul Light) bereavement program; a 6 week grief and bereavement group where participants will have the opportunity to process their grief in a supportive, communal, and meaningful way. Led by Ciara Claffey, LICSW, an Irish-born clinician, this group will provide a culturally informed space for individuals experiencing grief and loss. All are welcome. Held on Sundays at the Centre and on Thursdays at the Veronica Smith Center in Brighton, please be sure to register your attendance by calling the centre at 617-265-5300.



USA Irish in Motion Campaign launched



At the IPC our goal has always been simple: to be here for you. Whether you're on a visa, navigating complex paperwork, facing uncertainty, or simply trying to understand your rights, we see you. That's why we're proud to be part of Irish In Motion - a nationwide initiative by The Coalition of Irish Immigration Centers that brings Irish centers together to share clear information, trusted resources, and a reminder that no matter where you are in the U.S., there's always a place you can turn to for support. ***Irish In Motion: Connecting Irish communities with care, insight, and support.***

At the Coalition of Irish Immigration Centers (CIIC), our mission has always been clear - to stand with the Irish immigrant community across the U.S. Whether you're on a visa, navigating paperwork, facing uncertainty, or simply trying to understand your rights, you are not alone. That's why we've launched ***Irish In Motion*** - a nationwide initiative, **created in partnership with our member centers and supported by the Government of Ireland's Emigrant Support Programme.** Together, we're sharing trusted information, clear resources, and a reminder that no matter where you are, there's always a place you can turn for support.

Irish In Motion was created with the Irish immigrant community at its heart. Through this campaign, we will:

- Share trusted, accurate immigration guidance
- Connect you with local Coalition centers that understand your needs
- Offer legal insight without judgment
- Help you feel less alone and more prepared

In the weeks ahead, we'll be sharing resources and updates to keep you informed and connected. Because no matter where you are on your journey, you deserve support you can trust, and a community that walks beside you. Find out more at **IrishInMotion.org**

GAA SPORTS QUIZ ANSWERS:

1. Phil 'Fan' and Philip Larkin, 2. Colin Lynch, 3. Tommy Walsh (Kilkenny), 4. Pat Hartigan (Limerick) and Eoin Kelly (Tipperary), 5. Eoin and Paul Kelly (Tipperary), Ollie and James Moran (Limerick), 6. Paul McKillen (Antrim - 1993), 7. Jack O'Shea, 8. John Dowling, 9. Des Foley, 10. Peter Canavan and Liam Hassett.

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Seomra Alanna's Children's Reading Centre Opens



Family and friends of Alanna Keohane Maida gathered recently for a blessing and dedication of our new "Seomra Alanna" - IPC's dedicated children's reading centre. Over 100 people gathered to celebrate Mass in Alanna's memory. This was a poignant day that unveiled a beautiful mural dedicated to Alanna's life story that returns us to her roots in Ballinadea County Cork. It was wonderful to see so many who shared in Alanna's love of teaching both in the classroom and on the dance floor. Lovely memories were shared of the Hansen Keohane Irish dance school along with stories of reflection reminding all of us of an extraordinary mother, daughter, sister, teacher and friend. Special thanks to the Keohane family for honoring us by sharing Alanna's enduring story here at the Centre.

Author Visit's IPC Toddler Program!

Toddler Group had an Author visit from Anna McTernan and her daughter Tara. Anna McTernan read parts of her book "Squidgy the



Squirrel and Tweet the Turtle." The book tells the tale of being non judgmental of differences in humans and animals and of understanding love and forgiveness in our world. Anna says, "Squidgy and Tweet help teach children the importance of kindness, inclusion, and understanding. Fear and ignorance fuel prejudice-but start early, we can raise a better generation."

IPC Toddlers Graduate!

We celebrated our amazing playgroup graduates who are preparing to take their next big step into pre school and kindergarten.

Over the past year, these little ones have blossomed into curious learners, eager explorers, and caring friends. Their laughter, energy, and growth have filled our center with warmth and joy. We also extend heartfelt thank-you to the families and caregivers whose love and support have made this journey possible. May this be just the beginning of many exciting accomplishments ahead. We can't wait to see all the wonderful things our little graduates will do. Don't forget to visit us on your days off — our doors are always open.



IPC Celebrates Teachers!



We recently held a back to school night for teachers!

This was a lovely evening where new and veteran teachers mingled over dinner to share wisdom, experience and encouragement in our all new "Seomra Alanna" Goodie bags were presented with classroom essentials and classroom books were donated in memory of Alanna Keohane. Special thanks to Miss Kathy, Geraldine and Andrea for making this happen and to Eileen and Sean Keohane for donating books.

Our thanks also to Greenhills Bakery for their generous donation of teacher gift cards. We look forward to celebrating teachers every year!

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Welcome Back to Historian and Filmmaker Marcus Howard

After an exhilarating presentation last October on 1916, we are delighted to welcome Marcus Howard once again for "The Greatest Escape in Irish History: Voices From The Tomb" October 30th 7pm. Marcus Howard will return to the Centre on October 30th where he will deliver a really exciting talk on the greatest prison escape in Irish history, The Catalpa Rescue.

This is the story of mastermind John Devoy's cunning, Irish resilience, and "Yankee grit" uniting across oceans to defy British rule. Join acclaimed historian and filmmaker Marcus Howard of Easter Rising Stories as he unearths this gripping saga of courage and rebellion. From Ireland to America to Australia, the Catalpa's triumph still echoes today. It is an epic tale of Irish American defiance that crosses the seas to Australia. This year is the 150th anniversary of the boat leaving America on their legendary mission to rescue Irish Fenian prisoners who thought they were forgotten in a brutal Australian prison. All are welcome.



St Vincent De Paul Food Pantry Collections



IPC is delighted to receive donations of non-perishable food in collaboration with the Friends of St Brendan's and the St Vincent De Paul Society. After a very successful clothing drive at our Centre, St Brendan's parishioner John Parsons with support from John Stenson at the Eire pub approached IPC to host an ongoing food drive. The most needed items include cereal, soup, rice, Parmalat milk, pasta, and canned goods like tuna, chicken, and vegetables. The pantry also accepts charitable cash donations and grocery store gift cards.

All donations are welcome.



Friends of
Saint Brendan
DORCHESTER, MA

Petrocelli Academy Launches Fall Irish Dance Program

The Petrocelli Academy invites kids ages 3+ to join its Fall Irish Dance Program in Pembroke, Milton, and Dorchester. No experience needed—the first class is free! It's a fun way to build confidence, make friends, and discover Irish dance. Sign up now to join the family!

Petrocelli Academy of Irish Dance



Intro to Irish Step Program



Classes offered in Pembroke, Milton, & Dorchester

No Prior Experience
Necessary

Competitive & Recreational
Options Available

First Class
Always Free



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NEWS FROM OUR AGING WELL PROGRAM

Aging Well Program Begins!

We are enjoying the launch of our new Aging Well Program! It's been a very busy summer developing this program that adds more monthly celebrations and support services. We aim to have monthly events where our four weekly groups can meet and catch up. Our First Aging Well event took place in West Roxbury with a Timeless tea dance with Mossie! Delicious sandwiches were made by the Roche Brothers and Mossie Coughlin got the crowd on their feet as always. See pages 16 and 17 for photos.

If you missed the fun, don't worry—a spooky Halloween Party is coming up on October 30 in Weymouth. This event is open to our four weekly clubs, with transportation provided. Space is limited, so please register by calling 617-265-5300.

A reminder that the IPC has a SHINE Counselor available to provide free health insurance information, counseling, and assistance to individuals with Medicare. SHINE counselors are certified and trained and help individuals explore Medicare plan options. Also, if you need help finding transportation, call the IPC. We can provide information over the telephone or send you our Transportation Resource Guide.

Fond regards and Welcome back,
Peggy and Patsy



The Savvy Caregiver Program

The Savvy Caregiver program is a FREE, six-session training for caregivers caring for someone with Alzheimer's disease or related dementias.

Date: Tuesdays, September 23 - October 28, 2025

Time: 3:00pm - 5:00pm

Place: Zoom

To reserve your spot, please contact:

Lydia Kingsbury: 857-260-1813 | lkingsbury@bshcinfo.org

Paula McCarthy: 857-303-0689 | pmccarthy@bshcinfo.org

AGING WELL
HALLOWEEN PARTY

Thursday | **1-3 PM**
Oct. 30th

Join us to celebrate Halloween - descended from Ireland's festival of Samhain. Enjoy light refreshments and live music, learn about the history of Samhain and play Irish Halloween games! Costumes encouraged but not required!

Registration is required.
Call (617) 265-5300 to confirm your attendance.

Immaculate Conception Church, 720 Broad Street, Weymouth, MA 02190

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Free Six-Week Training for Dementia Caregivers

Boston Senior Home Care is offering Savvy Caregiver, a free, six-session training program on Zoom for family members caring for someone with Alzheimer's disease or related dementias. The sessions run Tuesdays, September 23 through October 28, from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. Caregivers will gain essential skills, learn to manage time effectively, improve communication, and build confidence in their caregiving role—while also focusing on their own well-being. Space is limited; registration is required.

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NEWS FROM OUR AGING WELL PROGRAM

Social Club activities will rotate between chair yoga & exercise, bingo, trivia, informational talks and more!!!

IPC Social Clubs Calendar October 2025

MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY

		1 Dorchester Social Club: 11AM-1PM	2 West Roxbury Social Club: 1-3PM	3 SUPPER CLUB 5-7PM Call IPC to register: 617-265-5300 
6 Brighton Social Club: 1-3PM	7 Weymouth Social Club: 1-3PM	8 Dorchester Social Club: 11AM-1PM	9 West Roxbury Social Club: 1-3PM	10
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27 NO PROGRAMS RUNNING	28 NO PROGRAMS RUNNING	29 NO PROGRAMS RUNNING	30 Aging Well Halloween Party 11AM-2PM 	31 

Brighton:
Monday, 1-3pm,
Veronica Senior
Center, 20 Chestnut
Ave, Brighton MA,
02135

Weymouth:
Tuesdays, 1-3pm,
Immaculate
Conception Church,
720 Broad Street,
Weymouth, MA,
02189

Dorchester:
Wednesdays, 11am-1pm,
The Irish Pastoral Centre,
540 Gallivan Blvd. (REAR),
Dorchester, MA,
02124

West Roxbury:
Thursdays, 1-3pm,
Crossroads Café: St.
John Chrysostom,
4750 Washington St,
West Roxbury, MA,
02132

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Fr. Dan's Page



God Knows Us

Jennifer Christ



“Even all the hairs of your head are counted”

—Matthew 10:30

How intimately God knows us! No one knows us like God does; not our spouse, our children, our colleagues, our best friends. God knows us better than we know ourselves. We spend much of our lives attempting to figure ourselves out, making and then correcting our mistakes, uncovering our true selves.

Over the years, we may try out different selves. The teenager bounds out of the house with green hair and heavy eye make-up. The young adult becomes the nurse, the accountant, the cashier and, perhaps later, the parent.

We often “let down our hair” when relaxing with family and friends: Yet, sometimes we don't even recognize ourselves, later wondering, Why did I do or say that? At retirement, we may ask,

Who am I now?”

In our elder years, we look back and marvel at how we have changed, physically, emotionally spiritually. All the while God knows us, loves us, keeps us.

The Resurrection People

Virolina Herbers

I've never been a proponent of the saying “if it happened, it must be God's, will” or even. “Everything happens for a reason.”

I have found that when I am looking for words to speak to someone experiencing tragedy, neither one of these two statements helps much, and they actually sound hollow even to my own ears. What I do believe with all my heart and soul, however, is that God can take the worst of what life presents- tragedy, violence, even sin- and transform it into something else, something good. I believe that if we can traverse the agonizing terrain of pain, sorrow, and doubt, we will come out on the other side of it.



The Christian story is based on this belief. We are a resurrection people, believing that every. Good Friday will lead to an Easter Sunday, that every tomb will be emptied, that death is not the last word.

Love and Joy

Terence Hegarty

“And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection”
(Colossians 3:14)

Today, we represented with quite an important list from Colossians Below is part of my list for raising children:



1. Teach them the faith and foster it continuously.
2. Give them hugs and kisses every day (at least until they teenagers) and will no longer let you.
3. Keep them healthy, not only physically, but emotionally.
4. Read them stories, especially at bedtime. When they are older, tell them your story.
5. Treat them like they are smart, because they are
6. Most importantly (over all these), let them know that they are loved—by you and by God.

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In Loving Memory

We remember those in our community who have recently passed away. Our thoughts and prayers and with all the bereaved families, and we hope that in time lovely memories will surround them. Eternal rest grant unto them oh lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon them. May they Rest in Peace & Rise in Glory

Aug 5th Patrick Sheehan South Boston, Co Kerry

Aug 12th Edward D'arcy, Worcester, Co. Galway

Aug 16th Mary "Colette" Burke, West Roxbury, Co Cork

Aug 17th Mary P Joyce Connolly, Dorchester

Aug 30th, Brendan Dinneen, Dorchester, County Kerry

Sept 2nd, Elizabeth O'Toole, Newton, Co. Clare

Sept 11th, James (Jimmy) Ashe, Dorchester

Sept 12th, Nora Joan Darrah (Driscoll), Cambridge, MA



Honor the Memories

Dear Lord,
Grant us strength in our
sorrow, comfort in the time we
had with our loved one.
Mourning passes and life goes
on. Different, yet still sweet.
We will honor the memories
and find joy in knowing that
Your eternal care is ever-closer
to the one we love.

Amen

James G. Ashe

September 11, 2025, at the age of 54, James G. Ashe of Dorchester, MA passed away.

"As we bid farewell to this luminous soul, let his loved ones carry forward the torch of his memory, illuminating the path ahead with the warmth of his love and the brilliance of his spirit. Though James G. may journey beyond the horizon of our sight, his essence remains woven into the very fabric of our being — a guiding light in the darkness, a beacon of hope in the night. He was loved and cherished by many people including: his wife Amy Ashe (Tedesco); his daughter Bernadette Grace Thomas Ashe; his parents, Gregory Ashe and Sarah Ashe (Doherty); his sister Karen Doherty (Kevin); his sibling's children, Caitlin Renehan (Doherty), Kevin Doherty and Mark Doherty; and his great-nieces and great-nephews, Clodagh and Joseph Renehan."

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.



SAVE THE DATE: A First Anniversary Mass for Doc Walsh (RIP)

There will be a first Anniversary Mass held on Sunday, November 2nd at 4pm in the Irish Pastoral Centre for Patrick "Doc" Walsh.

All are welcome.



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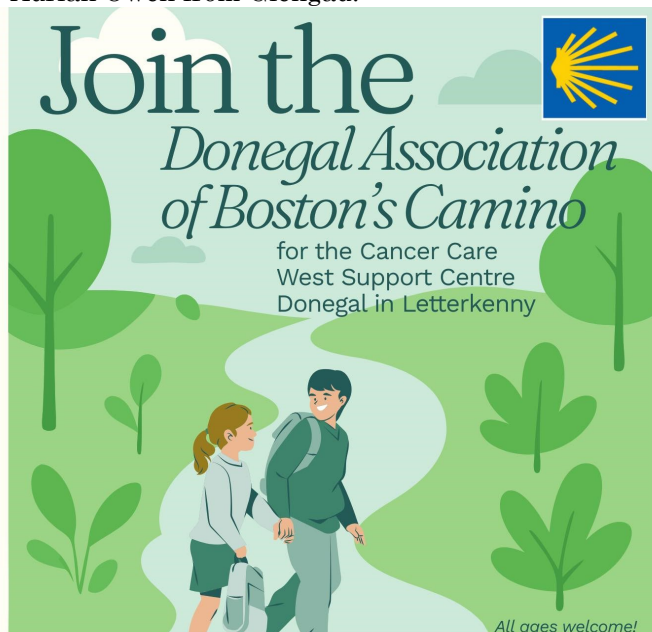


In the photo: Hon. John Sullivan, former U.S. Ambassador to Russia; Hon. Vicki Kennedy, former U.S. Ambassador to Austria; Hon. Claire Cronin, former U.S. Ambassador to Ireland; and Jim Brett, President & CEO, The New England Council

The New England Council was honored to host a special program featuring several former U.S. Ambassadors at which they shared their insights.

Donegal Association Walk in aid of Cancer Care West Support Centre

The Co. Donegal Association of Greater Boston is organizing a walk in Pope John Pall II park on October 5th as a fundraiser for the Cancer Care West Support Centre in Letterkenny. This center is used by Cancer patients all over the west of Ireland. All donations will go directly to the charity. There will be light refreshments afterwards in the McKeon Post with a few bits and pieces for the kids and music by Adrian Owen from Glengad.



**Sunday, October 5th
2 pm**

Pope John II Park,
Hallet Street,
Dorchester, 02124

Walk Pope John Paul II Park with new and old friends to raise funds alongside other Donegal organizations. After the walk, enjoy food and refreshments at McKeon Post with entertainment from Adrian Owen.

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Write Walk in caption



BC Students at Blaiseadh Na Gaeltachta



Boston College Adjunct Assistant Professor Seán Cahill helped organize Blaiseadh na Gaeltachta, A Taste of the Gaeltacht, an all-Irish language course in Donegal for the second year in a row. Local people came in and gave lectures and song workshops, including Mairéad Ní Mhaonaigh of the traditional band Altan. 23 students from Ireland and the U.S. also took daily field trips. Cahill thanks Seanchas Sheáin Néill and the Two Rivers Gaelic League for their partnership.

Irish-U.S. Driver's License Exchange Campaign

The Irish-U.S. Driver's License Exchange Campaign seeks to make it easier for people moving between Ireland and the United States to transfer their driver's licenses without retaking tests or going through lengthy processes. By encouraging reciprocal agreements between both governments, the campaign aims to reduce barriers, support mobility, and further strengthen ties between the two countries. To find out more about this campaign, you can sign up to their newsletter here:
<https://www.irishlicenseexchange.com/>

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Vincent Crotty Exhibit at Milton Public Library

Talented Cork-born artist Vincent Crotty will present his exhibition "Local Color" at the Wotiz Gallery in the Milton Public Library from October 1–31, 2025. Known for his luminous oil paintings depicting everyday scenes from Ireland to Maine and Massachusetts, Crotty beautifully captures the interplay of light and place.

Vincent also generously donates his time and talents to bring life and color to the Centre. His vibrant oil paintings can be seen throughout our halls, along with his hand-painted signage featured on both the interior and exterior of the building.

A public reception will be held on October 15, from 6–8 p.m.



*Image: Late November by Vincent Crotty
(oil 24" x 36")*

CCÉ Boston Irish Music School Returns In Person!

After five years online, CCÉ Boston returns to in-person classes this Fall 2025! Learn traditional Irish music from world-class teachers in Medford, Milton, or online. Classes available for all levels and ages.

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- Tin-Whistle
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More Information:
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bostonirishmusicschool.com

Learn to Dance With Winnie Henry—Irish American Dance Class

Dust off your dancing shoes this Fall! Join Boston's dancing queen Winnie Henry for dance lessons—where lively jives meet smooth country quick steps. Perfect for beginners and seasoned dancers alike. No partner or experience required! You'll have a blast learning, laughing and dancing your feet off!

Irish-American Country Dance Class

Join our class and learn to Jive together!
Come and learn all the new Jiving moves!



Starting in
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Foxtrot * Line Dance & more!

Small group classes,
no partner or
experience required

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Irish American Dance Class to book your spot.

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COMMUNITY EVENT

The Charitable Irish Society Silver Key Awards

By Catherine Shannon


In its 288th year of “With Good Will Doing Service” in assisting recent immigrants, the Charitable Irish Society of Boston will confer its prestigious Silver Key Awards to Archbishop Richard J. Henning and Mr. Conor Shapiro for their outstanding contributions to improve the lives of recent immigrants and refugees. In honoring Archbishop Henning the society is also paying special tribute to the crucial work that Catholic Charities of Boston has done since its establishment in 1903 by Archbishop John Williams to provide financial help and social services that have enabled recent immigrants to adjust and assimilate to a new society. The strength of Catholic Charities commitment to this mission is reflected in the 11% allocation of its budget to services for immigrants and refugees in need of food, housing, childcare and medical services. In 2024, assistance was provided to 2,000 migrants and 14,000 benefitted from Catholic Charities translation services when applying for education, health and social services.

Born and raised in Long Island, Archbishop Henning earned his BA and MA degrees at St. John’s University prior to commencing his studies for the priesthood. He was ordained in 1992 and served as a parish priest for a decade at Port Washington, New York. Father Henning then earned graduate degrees in Biblical Theology from Catholic University of America and the University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome, Italy. Prior to his appointment as the Auxillary Bishop of Rockville Center in 2018, he taught at the Immaculate Conception Seminary in Huntington, New York. Bishop Henning became Co-adjutor Bishop of Providence in 2023, and was appointed to succeed Cardinal Sean O’Malley in 2023. Since his installation as Archbishop of Boston in October 2024, Archbishop Henning has travelled widely within the archdiocese to meet the laity and spread the Gospel to all.

Mr. Conor Shapiro, President of Health Equity International, began his service in Haiti in 2003 at St. Boniface Hospital (SBH) in Fond des Blancs. His early work as hospital director shaped his vision for growth and impact. In 2011, he became President and CEO of the Boston-based SBH Foundation, leading critical

responses to the 2016 hurricane and 2021 earthquake. Under his leadership, SBH—now the largest healthcare provider in Southern Haiti—serves 150,000 patients annually. In 2019, Mr. Shapiro oversaw the organization’s transition to Health Equity International, securing key partnerships with USAID and the Kellogg Foundation to support expansion. In 2024, he launched a housing initiative aiding newly arrived Haitian families in Boston. Mr. Shapiro holds a Master of Public Health from Boston University and continues to champion health access and equity in Haiti and the Boston immigrant community.

The Silver Key Reception will be held at the University of Massachusetts Club, Boston on Wednesday, October 29 at 6pm. All are welcome to attend an inspiring evening that will celebrate the contributions and service of two extraordinary leaders in our community. Reservation and sponsorship information is available on the Charitable Irish Society website, www.charitableirish.org. Tickets and sponsorships can be made via this website.



The Charitable Irish Society
Founded 1737

SilverKey



"With Good Will Doing Service"

**24th Annual Fundraising and
Silver Key Awards Reception**

Wednesday, October 29, 2025 at 6:00 PM

UMASS CLUB – BOSTON
One Beacon Street, Boston, MA 02108

The Society will honor two distinguished individuals for their outstanding contributions to the immigrant community:

Most Reverend Richard G. Henning, S.T.D.
Archbishop of Boston

Conor Shapiro, President and CEO
of Health Equity International

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COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT: Ciara Claffey

By John Christoffersen

Ciara Claffey, a licensed social worker who grew up in County Roscommon, is starting to work with the Irish Pastoral Centre to provide bereavement support.

Claffey understands the importance of community and tradition to lean on in times of loss.



“As an Irish person I am especially aware of the importance of our own mourning practices - such as wakes, storytelling and gathering as a community, which provide not only a way to honor the person who has died but also a source of strength for those left behind,” Claffey says. “Carrying forward those traditions, and helping others find grounding in their own cultural practices, feels central to the work I do today.”

Claffey grew up in Ballydangan and came to the United States in 2016 for her master’s degree in clinical social work at Boston College. She met her wife Carmen at college and the couple live in Brighton.

Claffey worked in the medical intensive care unit at Brigham and Women’s Hospital helping people deal with grief and chronic illnesses. That experience helped her appreciate how social workers supported families and she saw how many people died alone.

Claffey now has her own private practice called Anam Solas Therapy, which is Irish for soul and light. On her business card, she uses a modern version of the Trinity knot. “For me it represents

connection, resilience and the ways we carry forward traditions in new and meaningful forms.”

Her practice provides individual and group therapy, specializing in working with people who have chronic illness and/or dealing with grief.

Grief is one of the most painful emotions, Claffey says. Addressing grief can help avoid other problems such as substance abuse, she said. Providing space to process grief creates more room for healing and resilience, she added.

“That’s the piece I really try to bring into therapy specifically is the feeling of being held,” Claffey says. “That is what people are needing a lot of the time in those moments.”

While details of her work at IPC are being developed, Claffey hopes to incorporate discussion of Irish traditions in the grieving process.

She’s looking forward to her new assignment at IPC.

“To be able to get to this point now and run specific groups for the Irish community is not ever somewhere I thought I’d be, especially now,” she said. “It just feels important and good timing as well.”



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A Moment to Mind Yourself

Steps to a world without Suicide

By Danielle Owen, LICSW



"One of the most beautiful gifts in the world is the gift of encouragement. When someone encourages you, that person helps you over a threshold you might otherwise never have crossed on your own."

— John O'Donohue, *Eternal Echoes: Celtic Reflections on Our Yearning to Belong*

With so much loss, anger, hostility and lack of compassion in the news recently, it can be hard to hold onto hope. We often feel lost and powerless, either for ourselves or those we love, here in MA or at home in Ireland. At a recent suicide prevention staff training, our client services team were asked, "what can we do to help? I worry something I say will make things worse". We can't "solve" people's problems for them but listening can help, especially if someone we love is contemplating suicide. Those who are considering suicide to stop their pain, fear being judged for having these thoughts and so don't reach out for help. However, talking allows these thoughts and feelings to be heard and accepted for what they are, by another person, who will just listen and won't judge. It's almost like unpacking them gives you temporary relief so that you can find the energy to replenish your heart with hope for the next day of routine and tough decisions.

What can we do to be ready to help, if it's ever needed? We are planning a series of QPR Suicide Prevention Community Gatekeeper trainings in the coming months, where you can learn the key signs someone you care about may be considering suicide,

- practical skills to ask the (Q)uestion,
- (P)ersuade them to not harm themselves and
- how to (R)efere them to the help they need.

In the face of powerlessness, these trainings offer practical suggestions (based on medical research) to empower communities to protect themselves and their families, with a lot of success. We especially highlight tools including the "988" number that can connect you 24/7 to immediate support. We would like to hear from you!

Email Danielle at dowen@ipcoston.org indicating your interest in attending one of the QPR Trainings and letting us know what days and times work best to attend?

A world without suicide is possible and we want you to be part of the solution. Join us. Remember, if you need support now, call or text "988" to get connected to judgment free support and resources.



A NEW CALLING CODE FOR MENTAL HEALTH EMERGENCIES

In 2020, Congress designated **988** as the new **free, 24/7** and **confidential** calling code for the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline.

CONNECT



Call or text 988 or chat on 988lifeline.org

GET HELP



Be connected to a trained crisis counselor

FIND HOPE



Find the help and hope you need

If you or someone you know is having thoughts of suicide or experiencing a mental health or substance use crisis, call 988 for compassionate support. **There is HOPE. You are not alone. Just call, text or chat 988.**



For more information, visit 988lifeline.org →

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News from Celtic Angels



Reimagining Home Health Care Marketing Through Conversation

By Maria Burke, RN, Celtic Angels Home Health Care

In today's crowded digital landscape, families searching for quality home health care don't just want another brochure or sales pitch—they want answers.

At Celtic Angels Home Health Care, we've taken a fresh approach with our clients by creating a conversational Q&A series designed to build trust, clarity, and confidence with prospective clients.

Instead of overwhelming people with technical jargon, Celtic Angels addresses the real questions families ask when considering care for their loved ones. The Q&A series explores practical concerns such as:

- Can I select my caregiver?
- Does insurance pay for services, and which insurance typically covers home care?
- How does scheduling work?
- What should I be looking for in a home health care agency?
- What if I don't like my caregiver, or if they don't show up?

- Who supervises the caregivers, and is there nursing involvement?
- Can the caregiver drive my mom to appointments?
- What's the difference between a live-in and hourly caregiver service?
- What is Nurse Case Management, and when might it be needed?



Helpful Q&A Tips!



"My elderly mother has fallen and I can't lift her. What do I do?"

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Immigration News

Immigration & Citizenship Support Services Program

What we do: The IPC's Immigration and Citizenship Program provides information and support to immigrants from Ireland and elsewhere including obtaining legal status, adjusting status, matters related to Green Card applications and renewals, visas, U.S. Citizenship eligibility, and applications for U.S. Citizenship. The IPC can also provide information about how to apply for Irish passports. Staff is available during normal business hours to help to answer questions related to these matters. Additionally, the IPC offers bi-monthly Legal Immigration Clinics where individuals can have a free and confidential phone conversation about their particular immigration situation with a volunteer immigration attorney.

The IPC offers free telephone consultations with an experienced immigration attorney on the 2nd Tuesday evening of each month. If you would like to schedule a phone consultation with an attorney, please contact Maryann Casavant at 617-265-5300 or by email mcasavant@ipcboston.org.

Learn More About Our Legal Clinics: The IPC offers free legal immigration clinics twice per month. If you have a question about your immigration status, Green Card, visa, eligibility for citizenship and would like to talk to an experienced immigration attorney – we can schedule a free phone consultation at the Immigration Legal Clinic. We are very fortunate to have Maura Kelly, a very experienced immigration attorney who donates her time and talent to provide current, and accurate legal guidance to the IPC community through this Clinic. Maura generously donates her time to offer free consultations monthly on the second Tuesday of the month. These consultations are over the telephone and appointments are made in advance. **If you would like to make an appointment or have a question about the Legal Immigration Clinic, please contact Maryann Casavant or Niamh Healy at the IPC at 617-265-5300.**

Consider applying for U.S. Citizenship

If you have questions about eligibility for U.S. Citizenship, questions about how to apply, or need help with the process, please reach out to the IPC. Staff is available to assist you and can direct you to helpful resources.

Project Citizenship

If you want to apply for citizenship, contact Project Citizenship at info@projectcitizenship.org or 617-694-5949 to get started. Once Project Citizenship confirms you are eligible to apply, they will schedule an appointment for you for an in-person or virtual Citizenship Workshop to complete the application. At the Workshop appointments volunteers help complete applications, and pro bono attorneys review the applications. Project Citizenship submits your application to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) with a notice of appearance so that Project Citizenship gets copies of every notice you get along the process. This allows them to check the status of your application and answer questions.



After submitting a citizenship application, applicants must follow through with USCIS:

- Attend a biometrics appointment to take fingerprints and a photo
- Pass your naturalization interview
- Swear an oath of allegiance to officially become a U.S. citizen

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Email: immigrantadvancement@boston.gov

Website: boston.gov/immigrants

Ask a volunteer lawyer for immigration advice on the first and third Wednesday of every month from 12:00-3:00 P.M.

Interpretation and disability accommodations are available. Consultations are 15 minutes and limited to one-time only.

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Immigration News

REAL ID driver's license or REAL Mass ID A REAL ID is an enhanced version of a driver's license or Mass ID that meets the Federal Security Standard for IDs.

Individuals 18 and older will need a REAL ID driver's license or ID card (or another ID accepted by the TSA) to board domestic flights or enter certain federal facilities.

A Massachusetts REAL ID has a star in the top right corner. A standard driver's license or Mass ID is not accepted for federal purposes. To get a REAL ID you must make an appointment for an in-person visit at an RMV Service Center or AAA branch (if you're a member). You also must present identity documents: 1. proving you're in the U.S. legally 2. proving your full 9-digit social security number 3. proving you live in Massachusetts

If you are renewing a standard driver's license (Class D, Class M, or Class D/M) or Mass ID, you have the option of choosing **REAL ID**, which you will need beginning **May 7, 2025** to board domestic flights or enter certain federal facilities if you don't have another ID accepted by the TSA.

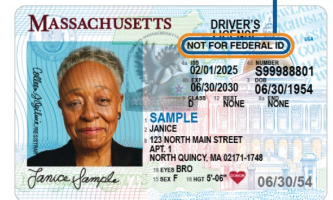
Important: REAL ID documents **must** be originals and they can **not** be laminated. Your current name **must** match the one on your documents. If it does not, you **must** present documents proving you changed your name, like a marriage certificate or other court document.

REAL ID
Massachusetts Driver's License/ID Card

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Standard
Massachusetts Driver's License/ID Card

Indicator on card is 'NOT FOR FEDERAL ID' to designate that it is NOT a federally compliant card



Am I Eligible for Irish Citizenship?



What does it mean to be an Irish citizen?

Becoming an Irish citizen means that you are formally recognised as a national of Ireland and a citizen of the European Union (EU). It gives you certain rights, including the right to possess an Irish passport, live and work in Ireland and the EU, and receive consular help from Irish embassies and consulates abroad.



Who is eligible to be an Irish citizen?

You may be an Irish citizen (or entitled to citizenship) based on when and where you, your parents, or your grandparents were born.

If you were born on the island of Ireland

Persons born on the island of Ireland before 1 January 2005 are automatically held to be Irish citizens. If you were born on the island of Ireland on or after 1 January 2005, your right to Irish citizenship depends on your parents' citizenship at the time of your birth and the residency history of your parents before your birth



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Am I Eligible for Irish Citizenship?

If you were born outside of the island of Ireland



Parent born in Ireland:

You are automatically an Irish citizen if one of your parents was an Irish citizen who was born on the island of Ireland. In this case, you may apply immediately for an Irish passport, should you wish to do so.



Grandparent born in Ireland:

You can become an Irish citizen if one of your grandparents was an Irish citizen born on the island of Ireland. In this case, to obtain Irish citizenship, you must apply to be entered on the Foreign Birth Register. Once entered, you are an Irish citizen and, as such, entitled to apply for an Irish passport.



Parent on the Foreign Birth Register:

You can also become an Irish citizen if your parent was on the Foreign Birth Register at the time of your birth. In this case, you too can apply to be entered on the Register and, following that, apply for a passport.

Applications for Foreign Birth Registration are made online at ireland.ie/citizenship. In addition, submission of documentation confirming eligibility is required.



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CELTIC SCRIBE

Wild Geese

By Mary Oliver



You do not have to be good.

You do not have to walk on your knees
For a hundred miles through the desert, repenting.
You only have to let the soft animal of your body
love what it loves.

Tell me about despair, yours, and I will tell you mine.

Meanwhile the world goes on.

Meanwhile the sun and the clear pebbles of the rain
are moving across the landscapes

Over the prairies and the deep trees,
the mountains and the rivers.

Meanwhile the wild geese, high in the clean blue air,
are heading home again.

Whoever you are, no matter how lonely,
The world offers itself to your imagination,
Calls to you like the wild geese, harsh and exciting –
Over and over announcing your place
in the family of things.

The Emigrant Irish

by Eavan Boland



Like oil lamps we put them out the back,
of our houses, of our minds. We had lights
better then, newer than and then

a time came, this time and now
we need them. their dread, makeshift example.

They would have thrived on our necessities.
What they survived we could not even live.

By their lights now it is time to
imagine how they stood there, what they stood
with,
that their possessions may become our power.

Cardboard. Iron. Their hardships parceled in them.
Patience. Fortitude. Long-suffering
in the bruise-colored dusk of the New World.

And all the old songs. And nothing to lose.

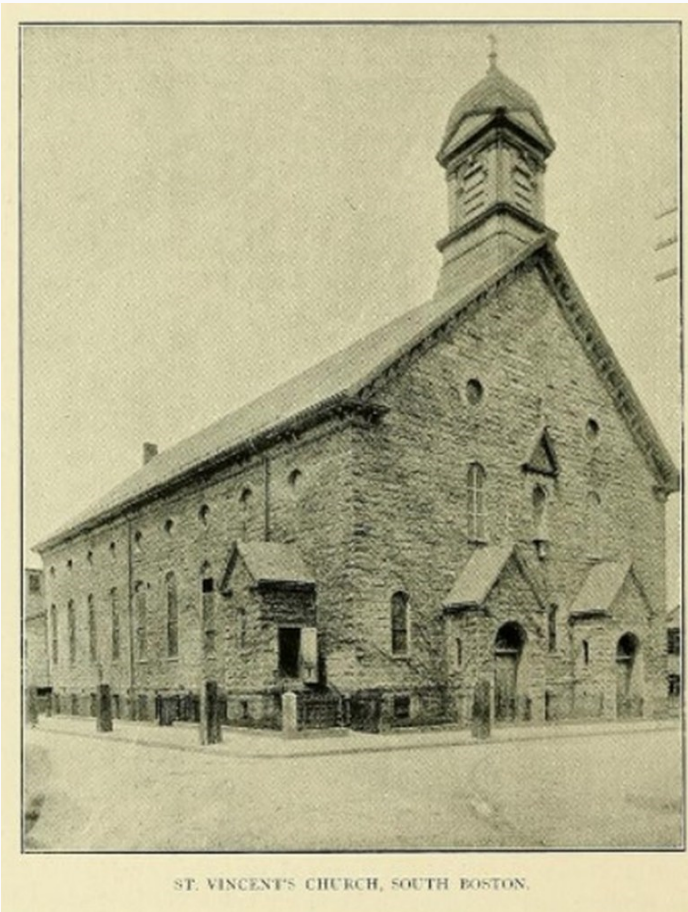
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Will Southie Condos erase a Great Boston Irish Story?

By Mary Swanton, IPC Executive Director

References: Pilot newspaper and local archives.



As St Vincent De Paul parish finally succumbs to condo development in South Boston, will its incredible history and Boston Irish identity be lost in transformation?

Although the church was built in the 1870's on E street in South Boston, the story began on Purchase Street in the old Fort Hill section of Boston when newly arrived Irish worked to purchase and transform a unitarian church where newly arrived Irish Catholics could worship in 1848.

It was Andrew Carney (Carney Hospital) from County Carlow that was fundamental in accomplishing the sale of the Purchase Street church. This was a time when vehement anti-Catholicism pervaded in Boston. Carney, along with Bishop John Fitzpatrick, representing the new Irish, concealed the true intention of the negotiation between Carney and the Unionist trustees. The bishop inserted a clause in the bond of sale, stating that if either party failed to fulfill the sale, they must forfeit \$10,000 in order to deter any refusal on behalf of the trustees should they learn who the real buyers were. Unitarian trustees reluctantly and eventually agreed and the church became known as St. Vincent de Paul.

The first Mass was celebrated on May 14, 1848 and the parish thrived until the 1860's when the city of Boston began a project to level Fort Hill for commercial development, forcing the relocation of residents across the harbor to South Boston. With an indomitable spirit and a ferocious strength of community, those scorned Irish Catholics dismantled their church in Fort Hill and transferred it brick by brick by barge to its current location.

Let the imagery of this, along with the fierce determination of our people resonate in your mind.

The new church was built by architect Patrick C. Keeley at the corner of E and Third Streets and was dedicated on July 19, 1874. Over ten thousand Irish Catholics attended its first mass.

I wonder if its new developers will memorialize this history? The Irish are the cornerstone of St Vincent's. May their legacy endure.

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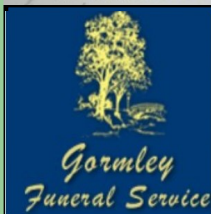
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IPC Weekly Programs

Mondays:

IPC Social Club Brighton @ Veronica Smith Senior Center-1-3PM
20 Chestnut Hill Ave
Brighton, MA 02135

Monday Night: Social Work
Clinic by Appointment.

Tuesdays:

IPC Social Club Weymouth @ 720 Broad Street, Weymouth
Parish Center 1-3pm

Toddler Group 10am—12PM

“Le Cheile” Woman’s Group @ IPC
7PM

Wednesdays:

Music and Movement Toddler Group
10am—12PM

IPC Social Club Dorchester @ IPC
11AM-1 PM
540 Gallivan Blvd, Dorchester MA

Wednesday Night: Social Work
Clinic by Appointment.

Thursdays:

Zumbini with Miss Katherine @IPC
10:30AM

Bumble Bee Knitting & Crochet Club @
IPC 11AM-1PM

IPC Social Club Weymouth @ 1-3PM St.
John’s Chrysostom Church Hall
4750 Washington St, West Roxbury, MA

Thursday Night: Irish 25s from
7:30PM

Fridays:

Irish Dance with Petrocelli School of
Dance: 4:30PM

Saturdays:

“Le Cheile” Here Together Sobriety
Support Group 6PM

*Special thanks to Ricard Archer of the Knights and Ladies of St Finbarr
Cork Club, for compiling the Boston Irish Community*

THE IRISH SOCIAL CLUB: 119 Park Street West Roxbury, MA

Oct 05: Mossie Coughlin
Oct 12: Fintan Stanley
Oct 19: Black Velvet Band
Oct 26: John Connors

THE SLIGO ASSOCIATION

If you plan to attend the October monthly meeting, kindly check with President Kevin Johnston as there may be a change in the date and or venue. Kevin's telephone is (617) 908-2050

THE IRISH CULTURAL CENTRE: 200 New Boston Dr, Canton MA

Oct 05: Mass at 11.00 AM
Oct 18: 6th annual Boston Beer Festival @ 11AM. Tiks: from \$12.51.
Oct 24: 15th annual luncheon at the JFK Presidential Library
October: Set dancing with Cait Bracken every Monday at 7PM

PLEASE: Call the ICC for reservations and questions

THE KNIGHTS AND LADIES OF ST. FINBARR - CORK CLUB

Oct 11: This months dance will be held at the IRISH SOCIAL CLUB 119 Park Street, West Roxbury, MA. Music by "Erin's Melody" (.with Margaret Dalton) Starting at 7 PM. Great music, complimentary coffee, tea and lots of delicious pastries. 50/50 raffle, beautiful hall and a fun evening guaranteed. Admission just \$10. Kindly mark your calendar for the annual

Benefit dance on November 8th at the Irish Social Club, West Roxbury to help the Irish Pastoral Centre continue with their work of mercy.

THE NORWOOD IRISH MUSIC CLUB

Oct 18: Starting at 7PM their dance will feature the great music of the Connaught Band. Lots of free parking, Coffee tea and pastries etc. served. Admission is \$10 and a cash bar and raffle. Always a fun and happy time at the Norwood Irish Music Club.

COMHALTAS CEOLTOIRI EIREANN

Oct 05: Our second Session/Ceili of the new season, will be at the Canadian American Club 202 Arlington Street Watertown. Members \$10.00, non members \$15.00. The Annual General Meeting will be held prior to the Sessiun/Ceili.
Oct 07: Barbara Boyd and Alanna Callendrello will have their weekly workshop at the Canadian Amer.Club from 7.30 - 9.00 PM .

Note: It is always advisable to double check with your club or organization on any event you may be interested in. Changes are made from time to time. Sincere thanks to the Irish Pastoral Centre for help with the monthly events and the Boston City Paper. Irish events are compiled by the Knights & Ladies of St. Finbarr Cork Club as a public service for the Irish community. If you would like your club or association listed, please forward on letter head details of your event and we will be happy to list based on space available. Send by e-mail to richarda10@hotmail.com or by mail to Box. 1241 Dedham, Ma 02027.

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IPC SPECIAL EVENTS

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Community Lunch!

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Sunday, Oct. 19th

12:30PM - 2:30PM

The IPC invites the community to join us before our monthly Trad Session for our community lunch! Enjoy a delicious spread in partnership with local community restaurants!

All are welcome -
Play area will be open for families!

**TRADITIONAL
IRISH MUSIC
SESSION**

sunday oct. 19th

3 - 5PM

Mindful Movement and Soundbath with Kieran Jordan

**Saturday, Oct. 18th
11am-12:30pm**



This workshop invites students to come into deeper connection with themselves, with a movement experience that fosters grounding, relaxation, creativity, and energy flow! Drawing from Polarity Therapy energy healing, somatic movement, and dance, this is a restorative and enlivening class — set to slow airs, waltzes, and other lyrical selections of Celtic music.

**Suggested
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The class will end with a soothing sound bath, with the magical sounds and vibrations of tuning forks and crystal singing bowls.

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Join us for
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5pm - 7pm

Friday, Oct. 3rd

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The Greatest Escape in Irish History: Voices From The Tomb

Lecture by Marcus Howard, film maker and historian



Thursday, October 30th, 7pm

Relive the epic Catalpa Rescue and learn about how Irish American defiance stood up against the might of the British Empire.

Irish Pastoral Centre, 540 Gallivan Blvd (Rear), Dorchester, MA 02124

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WEEKLY IPC PROGRAMS



Le Chéile Sobriety Support Program

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Saturdays, 6PM | Tuesdays, 7PM (Ladies Group)

IPC WEEKLY TODDLER PROGRAM!!

Toddler Tuesdays
10AM-12PM
WEEKLY FREEPLAY AT THE IPC!

KIDS MUSIC & MOVEMENT WITH KATHY!
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with Miss. Katherine
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THURSDAY SEPT. 18TH, 2025
10:30 AM

IPC BUMBLE BEE KNITTING & CROCHET CLUB

EVERY THURS.
11AM-1PM

All levels Welcome!

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IRISH 25s CARD NIGHT

Come play Ireland's national card game, every Thursday evening. Tea, coffee and snacks provided. All welcome.

7:30PM

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OCTOBER

IPC EVENTS AND PROGRAMS CALENDAR

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2025

For expanded Calendar for our coffee groups, see Pg.6 Events in **ORANGE** are **NOT** at the, 540 Gallivan Blvd REAR location.

News From Ireland

Twin Start to School Year at Kinlough Primary—RTE

A Leitrim school has marked a unique milestone this September, welcoming four sets of twins into its junior infants class. Four Masters National School in Kinlough says it's the first time in its long history that so many twins have started together. Among the new pupils are Abigail and Emilia Glancy-Ragina, Caoimhe and Aoife McGurran, Roisin and Katie Ward, and Cillian and Nate McGurran. The young pupils say they're enjoying their start to school life. "We like the books, colouring, playing and learning Irish," Roisin Ward told RTÉ News. Founded in 1847, Four Masters is now one of the largest primary schools in Leitrim.



Cardiac Screenings by Dillon Quirke Foundation

The father of Dillon Quirke, who died from Sudden Adult Death Syndrome in 2022, has said that a foundation set up in his son's memory has saved more than 30 lives since cardiac screening for young people started. Dan Quirke was speaking at Clonoulty-Rossmore GAA club in Co Tipperary where the grounds have been renamed in memory of Dillon Quirke who died in a hurling match in Semple Stadium, aged 24. Sudden Adult Death Syndrome, SADS, occurs when a person under the age of 40 dies suddenly. It claims the lives of up to 100 young people every year in Ireland. The Dillon Quirke Foundation was established in 2023 to raise awareness of Sudden Adult Death Syndrome and fund cardiac screening for young people, aged 14-18, involved in sport. "We have screened nearly 19,000 to date and we'll have 20,000 reached by year end."



Barn owl breeding success for third year in Co. Down

A farmer in Ballyalton, Co Down, is celebrating a rare conservation success as barn owls have bred on his land for the third consecutive year. With fewer than 30 breeding pairs left in Northern Ireland, the return of these birds offers hope. The Kelly family, in partnership with Ulster Wildlife and RSPB NI, installed ten nest boxes to support the owls. Their first breeding success came in 2023, and since then, three chicks have been raised each year. Conservationists welcome the progress but stress the need for urgent investment. They are calling on the Department of Agriculture to prioritize the Farming with Nature scheme to prevent the further decline of farmland wildlife.



Donegal woman celebrates 106th birthday

A Donegal woman, Nábla Diver from Cill Chartaigh, celebrated her 106th birthday at Killybegs Community Hospital. Born on September 11, 1919, Ms. Diver attributes her longevity to a healthy lifestyle—she never smoked or drank, ate well, and never worried. The youngest of six, she was a skilled knitter who worked locally throughout her life. Family members, including her grand-niece Yvonne Ferry, expressed pride and joy at her milestone. Ms. Diver lived independently until 11 years ago before moving to sheltered housing and then to the hospital in April. She enjoyed celebrating with staff, residents, and family and will soon receive her sixth Presidential Coin, honoring centenarians.



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Sports News From Ireland

GAA Seeks €5 Million to Boost Hurling and Camogie

The GAA is requesting over €5 million in state funding for a three-year plan to grow hurling and camogie. The initiative aims to promote gender equity, expand the games in non-traditional areas, respond to demographic shifts, and strengthen school-club links. As part of the plan, the GAA is launching eight Hurling Development Roadshows and distributing 70 “Hurling Refresher Packs” containing hurleys, helmets, and sliotars across all 32 counties. This support is designed to increase participation and improve coaching, especially in urban and underrepresented communities, ensuring the sports remain accessible and sustainable.



McIlroy Triumphs at the Amgen Irish Open

Rory McIlroy clinched his second Amgen Irish Open title in dramatic fashion at The K Club, edging out Sweden’s Joakim Lagergren in a thrilling playoff. Starting the final round four shots behind, McIlroy fired a bogey-free 66, including a stunning 30-foot eagle putt on the 18th hole to force extra holes. In the playoff, Lagergren found water on the third extra hole, while McIlroy secured a birdie to seal the win Golf Monthly. The victory marks McIlroy’s second at The K Club, having previously won in 2016. He earned \$873,464 from the \$6 million purse and bolstered his lead in the Race to Dubai standings. Other notable performances included Rafa Cabrera-Bello and Angel Hidalgo, who both finished tied for third at 15-under-par Golf Monthly.



Irish Athletes Shine with Breakthrough Performances in Tokyo—RTE

Irish athletes delivered standout performances at the 2025 World Athletics Championships in Tokyo, despite missing out on medals. Sarah Healy reached her first global final in the women’s 1500m, a historic achievement. Nicola Tuthill impressed in her debut, placing 11th in the hammer throw final with a 69.49m effort. In the 100m hurdles, Sarah Lavin narrowly missed qualification, finishing 13th overall after clocking 12.86 seconds in her semifinal. Andrew Coscoran advanced to his first outdoor global final in the men’s 1500m. While podium finishes proved elusive, the results reflect significant progress and growing potential within Irish athletics on the world stage.



Shefflin Returns to Take Over Kilkenny U-20s

Kilkenny hurling legend Henry Shefflin has been appointed manager of the county’s Under-20 squad, succeeding Mark Dowling after his departure in the wake of the recent All-Ireland final defeat to Tipperary. The Sun Shefflin, a ten-time All-Ireland winner and three-time Hurler of the Year, returns to a formal coaching role at county level with expectations high. The Sun His backroom team includes former captain Brian Hogan, plus Richie O’Neill among the selectors. The Sun The move has intensified speculation he may be in line for the senior Kilkenny manager role in the future.



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LOCAL SPORTS

USGAA Finals Honors Coleman J. Lydon

This year's USGAA Finals Men's Junior A Gaelic Football honored Connemara Gaels GFC Boston, St. Columbkille's, and Erin's Hope member Coleman J. Lydon. The presentation was made by his son, Joe Lydon. Coley was born in Rusheenamanagh, Carna, Co. Galway, and emigrated to Boston in 1948 at the age of 24. He began work at Boston Gas Company and joined St. Columbkille's Football Club before moving to Erin's Hope in the late 1950s, where he played and held various administrative roles. In 1956, he married Brigid McDonagh of Letterard, Co. Galway, and together they raised 8 children. He later joined the Connemara Gaels, becoming a lifelong supporter and key figure in the club. Coley was also a founding member of the all-American Jamaica Plain Shamrocks GFC and served as Trustee and Honorary President of the Boston GAA and USGAA. Known for his dedication, he was a constant presence at Dilboy Field, always working for the good of the GAA and ensuring things were done right.



IIHA Men's National Team Competes in Inaugural Irish Heritage Series in Boston

Boston Police Hockey Club 2-7 Ireland
Boston Fire Hockey Club 5-7 Ireland
Buffalo Police Department 5-2 Ireland
Massachusetts State Police 1-8 Ireland



The Irish Ice Hockey Association (IIHA) men's national team traveled to Boston to participate in the inaugural Irish Heritage Series held from September 11th to 14th, 2025. The games took place at The Bog Ice Arena in Kingston, Massachusetts. The series featured the Irish team competing against local law enforcement teams including Boston Police, Boston Fire, Massachusetts State Police, and Buffalo Police. The event provided an opportunity to celebrate Irish heritage through sport and foster community connections. The team consisted of Irish Born and Canadian, American and English players with Irish Heritage connection.

Boston Youth GAC Represent in Rockland!



Congrats to ISYL Boston's U8 team who travelled to Rockland NY to compete in the Rockland GAA Tournament! The young players showed great skill, teamwork, and spirit throughout the day.

Tadhg Leader Special Guest Speaker at IAP Speaker Series for Young Professionals

The Irish American Partnership invites young professionals to the Young Partners Speaker Series with Guest Speaker Tadhg Leader on Wednesday, October 8, 2025 at the Boston Harbor Hotel. Born out of Tadhg's own experience, Leader Kicking offers Irish athletes life-changing opportunities through sports and education. Through the program, young Irish athletes are given the chance to unlock life-changing opportunities, with a clear pathway to scholarships at top American universities. The Partnership is a proud supporter of Leader Kicking and the educational opportunities it provides Irish student-athletes.

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LOCAL SPORTS

Boston North East Mothers and Others Prepare for Tournament



The Boston Northeast GAA's Gaelic 4 Mothers & Others (G4M&O) team recently scrimmaged against the Shamrock Ladies as they prepare for the first-ever USGAA G4M&O Festival, set for October in Philadelphia. It was a great evening of Ladies Football showcasing great teamwork, energy, and plenty of laughs. The Gaelic 4 Mothers & Others (G4M&O) initiative introduces women—especially mothers—to Gaelic football in a fun, non-competitive, and social environment. Hugely popular across Ireland, the program is gaining momentum in the U.S. We wish the Boston Northeast GAA's Mothers & Others team the very best of luck as they travel to Philadelphia October 10th for the Tournament!

GAA QUIZ

(Answers on Page 3)

1. Who are the only father and son to win hurling All-Star awards?
2. Who scored the winning point for Clare deep in stoppage time of their 2002 All-Ireland hurling quarter-final win against Galway?
3. Prior to 2007, name the only player in history to win All-Star hurling awards in four different lines of the pitch (full-back line, half-back line, midfield and half forward line). Name the three clubs who won successive All-Ireland club football titles.
4. Only two hurlers have won five All-Stars before they were 24. Name them.
5. Name the two sets of cousins (on opposite sides) who played in the 2001 Munster hurling final.
6. Name the last Ulster hurler to win an All-Star award.
7. Name the only footballer to win four Texaco awards for Footballer of the Year.
8. Name the former GAA President who refereed All-Ireland hurling and football finals in 1960.
9. Name the only player to captain All-Ireland minor and senior winning football teams.
10. 1950 Only three players in history have captained All-Ireland U-21 and All-Ireland senior winning teams. Denis 'Ogie' Moran was the first but can you name the other two?



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